

The fall of snow was even less in Western Prince County. Some flurries and drifting were reported yesterday afternoon and no difficulties on the highway were in evidence. The bus arrived in Alberton right on schedule. The storm started about 9 a.m. Monday night and continued strong until late last evening. Squalid and snowflurries started about 8 p.m. and weather officials reported the flurries would continue until about 8 a.m. this morning. Highest winds reported yesterday at Charlottetown were gusts of 30 m.p.h. between 4 and 8 a.m. and 4 and 5 p.m. last evening.

Claim Mao To Concentrate On Party, Gov't Policies

By RONALD FARQUHAR
PEIPING (Reuters)—Mao Tse-tung, undisputed ruler of Communist China since 1950, is giving up the chairmanship of the republic to concentrate on the direction of party and government policy, usually reliable sources report.

The sources said Chen Yi referred to recent foreign press comment on rumors of Mao's impending retirement, denying the party leader's decision resulted from failure of the commune system, the steel program, the offshore-islands plot, or an internal political crisis.

Few foreign observers believe Mao's reported decision is the first step in a process of demotion. They said only time could tell whether or not it is merely coincidental that the change comes at a time when the Communist authorities are reporting they are correcting minor mistakes in setting up the communes and are clearing transport bottlenecks resulting from the concentrated drive to double steel output.

Chen Yi is reported to have said Mao will remain Communist party chairman and leader of the Chinese people.

Most foreign diplomats and observers agreed that, as party chairman, the 65-year-old Mao would remain the country's most powerful figure in rank and prestige.

The National People's Congress next month. Mao, son of a peasant, is a founder member of the Chinese Communist party. He took a leading part in building up the army which fought against Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang forces after 1927.

Mao led the Communists' "long march," an epic achievement of modern Chinese history, into northwest China where they set up a Soviet state and later fought with the Nationalists against the invading Japanese.

The Communist-Nationalist civil war was resumed after the Second World War and the destinies of 600,000,000 mainland Chinese passed into Mao's hands in 1950 when the Nationalists withdrew to Formosa.

Little is known of Mao's private life. He has been married four times. One of his sons was killed in the Korean War.



13 GUIDE RECRUITS ENROLLED

Thirteen new recruits were enrolled in the 7th Charlottetown guide company of Trinity United Church in an enrollment ceremony held in the church social hall last evening. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. W. J. Rodd, district commissioner, assisted by Mrs. Earl Taylor, Miss Jean Campbell and Miss Virginia Coffin. Left to right, SEATED: Marlene Simmonds, Audrey Grant, Cathy McKay, Mrs. Rodd, Debbie Archer, Heather MacLean, Mary Found, STANDING: Miss Campbell, Daphne Steadman, Judy Calbeck, Connie Peake, Mrs. Taylor, Joan Auld, Rosemary Gosbee, Sylvia Jenkins, and Virginia Coffin. Badges presented were: Service Stars, Gail Bishop, Judy Garnham, Reta MacDonald, Sandra MacKay, Brenda Lee Mulrow, Diane Peters, Rhonda Reed, Gail Robertson, Lynn Taylor, Shirley Ellis, Margaret Giddings, Rebecca Giddings, Gail Herman, Susan Large, Marilyn Wakelin, Kay Younker, Patsy MacPhail, Glenda Garnham, Florence Constable, Gail Norrie, Mary Phillips, Stella Robbins; First Aid Badge, Stella Robbins; Jennie Wright received her Brownie wings and flew up to Guides. Norma Jean Matheson walked up to Guides.

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Recommendations Discussed By Montague Home, School

MONTAGUE — Approximately 75 ratepayers, trustees and teachers from Montague and vicinity attended a public meeting in the Montague High School Auditorium Monday evening.

This meeting sponsored jointly by the Montague Home and School and the Montague local of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation, was held to discuss the findings and recommendations of the recent provincial conference on education.

School Holds Final Meeting

The final meeting of the Sunday school temperance course was held in the Baptist Church hall Monday afternoon.

Following Mr. Dewar's report there was a general discussion period. The larger unit was favored by the majority of those in attendance, however it was felt that these units must center around the existing high schools. It was unanimously agreed that equal opportunity in education can be provided only by a uniform tax rate.

Call Tenders For Work On No. 12 Dredge

OTTAWA (Special)—The initial step toward the rebuilding of dredge No. 12, which operates in the vicinity of Wood Island, was taken Tuesday with the calling of tenders for the stripping of the machine.

The tenders will close Jan. 7, after which a contract for the reconstruction work will be awarded. The stripping project will involve an expenditure of between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

Workshop Held At Georgetown

The second meeting of the Gardiner Teachers' Workshop was held in Georgetown High School on Friday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m., with Mr. Arthur MacNeill in the chair. Thirteen teachers were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The stripping project will involve an expenditure of between \$15,000 and \$25,000. An official of the public works department explained that after the dredge has been rebuilt, new machinery will be installed on it. New tenders will have to be called for this part of the project.

Curling Draw For Montague

New Year's turkey bonspiel draw at Montague this evening: 7:00 P. M. East ice — Bill MacLean, Ron Pettit, George Kennedy, Don Williams, vs. Lou Poole, Benny Koke, Ken MacKenzie, Ron Lawford.

The program included a boys' exercise, a dialogue by Nancy MacLean and Valerie Clark and the Christmas Story as read by three senior girls who also sang several Christmas carols. The scripture was read by the senior girls class and the story "If I Had Not Come" was read by Donald MacLean.

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Candle Light Service Held

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Mount Stewart Association Has Monthly Meeting

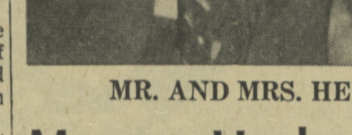
MOUNT STEWART — The monthly meeting of the Men's Association of Mount Stewart United Church, was held recently. The president, Earl Jay presided and called on Rev. J. M. Steen to ask the blessing.

Fraser River Board Reports

OTTAWA (CP) — The Fraser River board has recommended consideration of power development and flood control in the Fraser River basin, it was announced Tuesday.

Murray Harbour Couple Celebrate 50th. Wedding

MURRAY HARBOR — Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Richards of Murray Harbour, were honored by their family recently when they were entertained on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.



MR. AND MRS. HENRY W. RICHARDS

All members of the family, with the exception of one son, Clarence, who was ill in hospital, were present at a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Richards. Also present was Mrs. Nettie Gosbee, Murray Harbour, sister of Mrs. Richards.

North Wiltshire Church Holds Gift Service

North Wiltshire United Church Sunday school held White Gift Service on Sunday afternoon.

The program was presented with Roland Jay as piano accompanist. Christmas hymns were also sung, led by Mr. Harold Coffin. The ladies of the W.M.S. also took part in the hymn singing. The devotional period was conducted by Wilfred Lacey reading a portion of scripture and Kenneth P. Jay leading in prayer.

Hospital Plan Seen For P.E.I. In 1959-'60

Prince Edward Island will have its hospital insurance plan in operation during the fiscal year 1959-60, Premier A.W. Matheson said yesterday.

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SAVES FLOOD VICTIMS

SID-SLIMIA, E. Mexico (Reuters) — A helicopter from the United States air base here rescued nine young shepherd boys marooned on a hill by mounting floodwaters, air force officials said.

Grade II — 1. Glenda Blackett

Grade I Sr. — 1. Edna Campbell and Edward Campbell (equal), 2. Jimmy VanBuskirk. Grade 1 Jr. — 1. Frances Ann Jenkins. Teacher, Mrs. Helen Cobb.

Grade III Jr. — 1. Felix Campbell

and Marshall MacDonald (equal), 2. Billy Banks.

Grade IV — 1. Theresa Campbell

2. Katherine Campbell. 3. Fay Good. Grade VIII — 1. Patty Jenkins, 2. Laura Jenkins. Grade VII — 1. Gordon Blackett, 2. David Blackett, 3. Roy Metcalfe.

Grade VI — 1. Mary Jenkins

Allen Bouchard and Lynde McFarlane (equal). Grade I — 1. Judy Jenkins, 2. Johnny MacDonald. Grade III Sr. — 1. Emma McFarlane, and John Bouchard (equal), 2. June Bouchard and David Jenkins (equal). Grade III Jr. — 1. Felix Campbell and Marshall MacDonald (equal), 2. Billy Banks.

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